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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

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Attached for your information is a description
of the organization and functions of the Intelligence
Directorate that we prepared for Admiral Turner.

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DDI Executive Officer

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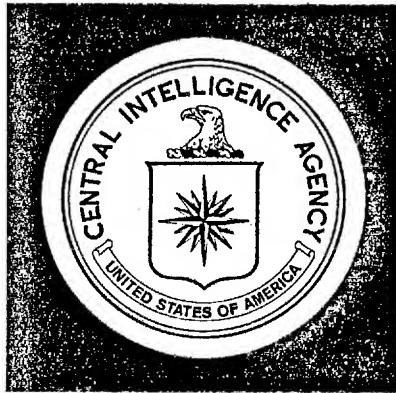
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I. Introduction to the Intelligence Directorate

Mission

The primary responsibility of the Intelligence Directorate is to serve the President--and the other senior officials responsible for the formulation and implementation of national security policy--by providing the authoritative information and assessments on what's going on abroad that they need to do their jobs.

We provide this service by taking the raw material of intelligence--the information gathered by the collection elements of CIA and other intelligence organizations--and producing intelligence reports and studies that are relevant to the concerns of senior policymakers. This process involves many tasks: collation and evaluation of information; research into intelligence already available; analysis of its significance; and preparation of finished intelligence reports. We refer to this entire process as "intelligence production".

The scope of this Directorate's intelligence production can fairly be described as global. On a geographic basis, all foreign areas are covered by the Directorate's major components in accordance with their significance to the U.S. Functionally, the coverage provided by the Intelligence Directorate is equally complete. Our analysts can cover the affairs of any foreign country from the standpoint of politics, economics, defense, science, technology, geography, cartography, or biography.

The primary recipients of the reports produced by the Intelligence Directorate are, of course, the President and his most immediate national security advisors. In addition, our reporting has long been provided to the leadership of those departments and agencies represented on the National Security Council and to appropriate components of these organizations. In recent years, a demand for our reporting has developed from new quarters, principally the Congress, the Executive Branch departments responsible for foreign economic policy and, to a lesser degree, the general public.